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Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., pursuant to emergency rules, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Josh S. Cutler and Michael D. Brady for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Hanson in memory of Mary "Gret" Lozeau. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hanson,—  
Lozeau  
bridge.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services on House, Nos. 31, 57, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 908, 911, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 920, 921, 922, 925, 926, 927, 929, 930, 931, 932, 934, 935, 937, 940, 941, 942, 946, 948, 949, 950, 952, 953, 954, 955, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 967, 970, 971, 972, 974, 976, 977, 978, 980, 981, 982, 983, 985, 986, 988, 989, 990, 992, 993, 996, 997, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1039, 1040, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1047, 1048, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1057, 1058, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1072, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1081, 1082, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 2353, 2679, 2705, 3557, 3558, 3559, 3560, 3587, 3588, 3653, 3675, 3715, 3716, 3746, 3766, 3806, 3874, 3875, 3876, 3877, 3923 and 4057, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services, to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning payments and insurance (House, No. 5160). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Payments and  
insurance,—  
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

*Recesses.*

At two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until three o'clock P.M.; and at two minutes after three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, until a quarter after five o'clock P.M.; and at nineteen minutes after five o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

*Quorum.*

As required under the provision of Emergency Rule 2(4), a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 158 members were recorded as being in attendance.

Quorum,—  
yea and nay  
No. 282.

**[See Yea and Nay No. 282 in Supplement.]**

Therefore a quorum was present.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4886; striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Police  
reform.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.”; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth.”) of the Senate Bill to reform police standards and shift resources to build a more equitable, fair and just Commonwealth that values Black lives and communities of color (Senate, No. 2820, amended), recommending passage of a Bill relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2963), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch. The report of the committee of conference was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. González of Springfield, the report (having been reported by the committees on Bills in the Third Reading of the two branches to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Cronin of Easton; and on the roll call 92 members voted in the affirmative and 67 in the negative.

Conference  
committee  
report  
accepted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 283.

**[See Yea and Nay No. 283 in Supplement.]**

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted, in concurrence.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2963), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution.

On the question on adopting the emergency preamble, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 123 members voted in the affirmative and 36 in the negative.

**[See Yea and Nay No. 284 in Supplement.]**

Therefore the preamble was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under Emergency Rule 2; and on the roll call 91 members voted in the affirmative and 67 in the negative.

**[See Yea and Nay No. 285 in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Police  
reform.

Emergency  
preamble  
adopted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 284.

Bill enacted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 285.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At nine minutes after eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.